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## THE ROLE OF IAN ROLLAND IN THE DESEGREGATION OF FORT WAYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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It took nearly forty years from the Supreme Court decision in *Brown vs. The Board of Education* until Fort Wayne Community Schools became fully integrated. Today, Fort Wayne Community Schools (FWCS) serve as a model for an effective integrated school system through the use of magnet schools and school busing. Public school desegregation has been a key part of the history of race relations for the past generation. But that history is a story of successes as well as failures. The visionary leadership of Ian Rolland and funding from The Lincoln National Corporation played a critical role in turning the battle for desegregation of FWCS into a major success.